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IN A JOVIAL MOOD.- Prime Minister Trudeau during his Montreal address to the Jewish community. See editorial, page 4.

Commentary

by M.J. NURENBERGER

BERNSTEIN'S FOLLY

To some *Beautiful People* in our Jewish society in North America the Black Panther movement is a childrens' game. It may even become fashionable to have a Panther entertain guests at a bar mitzvah party, if the Goldbergs are now to emulate the Bernsteins. It may become mod and the in-thing, just as much as bell bottoms and beatnik beards.

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If this new fashion comes to pass, Felicia Bernstein, an attractive Jewish woman from South America, and wife of conductor Leonard Bernstein, will go down in history as the style setter of this new era.

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I don't know what Leonard Bernstein thinks about it. I do not believe he has read the Panthers' statements about Israel, about "Zionists", and especially Eldridge Cleaver's most recent ignoble attack against Jews when he was the guest of Boumedienne in Algiers.

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I doubt it very much whether Leonard knows all this. For, despite his fame and his constant living with art, he has never lost touch with the Jewish community and certainly he cannot be considered one of the Jewish masochists who are looking for relief from a de Sade among the blacks.

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I knew Leonard Bernstein's father very well. He was a very devout Jew, a man of culture, and considered himself to the last day of his very decent life, as a Gerer hasid. I remember talking to him in his office off State street in downtown Boston about his son, the genius, and about his son, the Jew. So when I read in the New York Times the social column about the party for Panther Cox in the Bernstein home, and the fund raising appeal for the Panthers, I wondered what Bernstein senior would have said had he heard about this insult and injury to everything that stands for American tradition—and Judaism.

Could Bernstein senior ever have dreamed of such a meeting in his son's home? Who are the Panthers? And who are all these Jews who believe that we have to swallow dirt in order "to pay a debt" to the black community?

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The black community is a good community, despite all the misrepresentation by agitators supported from Algeria, Moscow and Peking. The average Negro from Crown Heights in Brooklyn or Rocksbury, Boston certainly is not anti-American in the sense that Cleaver would like him to be. He knows that in spite of certain discriminatory patterns to which he still is subjected, the black in North America is freer than any citizen of the so-called people's democracies, the Panthers' ideal. Their paradise is not his; in their paradise there is no freedom and no steak. There is only propaganda and literature *about* freedom and *about* food.

The American Negro should be told about the persecution of the blacks in the Sudan, the revolt in Chad and about the inequality among races which every tourist travelling in Asiatic Russia has observed. This racial discrimination which Soviet society has accepted in Uzbekistan does not apply to Cleaver and Cox when they visit Moscow, but it is the daily portion of the non-whites in Soviet Asia.

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As far as the Jewish community is concerned, no one need give the Panthers social entrée in order to apologize for white persecution. In fact, for centuries we have been the white Negroes and most of us have always felt a kinship for all oppressed, black or yellow or white. From the days of the prophets till the age of all libertarian movements our children have been in the forefront of those fighting for liberty. And the first two white victims in the march to the south were Jewish boys from Brooklyn. Thus we should not assume that we have to accept Panther racialism as a cure for white racialism.

Only recently I read a moving paragraph by James Baldwin, probably the outstanding black writer in America:

"The crisis taking place in the world, and in the minds and hearts of black men everywhere, is not produced by the star of David, but by the old, rugged Roman cross on which Christendom's most celebrated Jew was murdered. And not by Jews."

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If some blacks doubt my word about our role in the present turmoil the world over, let them ask the Biafrans. Let them ask those who supported Nasser's allies when they "cleaned" Nigeria "imperialism", as reported in Pravda. Those exposed to genocide in Biafra know who the friend of the black man is.

Trudeau commits government to Anti-Hate Bill

HATE PEDDLERS ARE CRIMINALS: P.M.

Nation moved by denunciation of antisemitism and bigotry

By the CJN diplomatic editor

The Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honorable Pierre Elliot Trudeau, in an address Sunday night to the Jewish community of Montreal, and to Jews of Canada in general, stated that his government is committed to the passage of the so called Anti-Hate Bill. This bill, the Prime Minister said at a dinner meeting of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League in Montreal's Hotel Bonaventure, will make the dissemination of hate literature a criminal offense.

(The first demand for such legislation against genocide propaganda was made by The Canadian Jewish News in 1960, and was reported in the Montreal Star at that time.)

The Prime Minister was given a tremendous ovation by an audience which consisted of some of the most outstanding Jewish citizens of Montreal. This was his first "official" speech to the Jewish community since becoming the head of government.

Throughout his address, Mr. Trudeau was very emotional, and stated at one point that he himself is a member of a minority group and therefore understands the feelings of Jews. He also condemned all forms of antisemitism, from hate propaganda to defamation based on race or religion.

He then said: "The people of Canada condemn defamation based on race or religion . . . as you are doubtless aware, the government has introduced a bill in parliament that will make the dissemination of hate literature a criminal offense. We took this step with determination, although not without regret that it should be necessary in our country. Let this be one more step towards the just society we seek to build."

Mr. Trudeau made his speech on the occasion of his receiving the Anti-Defamation League's Family of Man Award. The previous recipient was Emile Cardinal Leger.

Mr. Trudeau then proceeded to analyze antisemitism. He said he had noticed "a particular persistence" of this problem which has plagued humanity for two thousand years. Where other minorities have known adversity, the Jews had undergone bloody persecutions which culminated in Hitler's campaign against them.

In a direct reference to the Nazis' "final solution," Trudeau declared that this persecution "culminated in a diabolical attempt at genocide by the Nazis."

Analyzing other forms of antisemitism the Prime Minister stated:

"Even when it stopped short of bloodshed, persecution meant baiting, brutality, callousness, calumny and insults; its victims were prey to fear and mental torment and lived in a state of siege in which happiness was denied them."

The main point in the Prime Minister's monumental address, was his appeal to all minorities, including the Jews, to remain in Quebec and to resist the harassment and mental anxieties which some Quebeckers are undergoing.

To tremendous audience applause Trudeau exclaimed:

" . . . As a member of one minority to another I say stick with it! "

The Prime Minister asked the Jewish community to understand that "unfortunately there are still men who build society on hate and racism" but they do not represent the majority of the Canadian people.

He concluded by asking the Jewish community to insist on its rights. "With all your energies and abilities," the Prime Minister insisted, "you (Jews) should play your full part in this society which you have helped to build."

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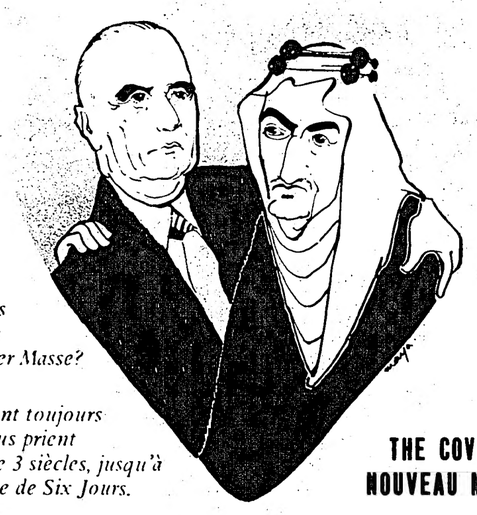
English translation

BERTRAND:
So what do you hear from Paris, my dear Masse?

MASSE:
The French are still "timid"; they want us to wait another three centuries, until the end of the Six Day War.



BERTRAND:
—Quelles sont les bonnes nouvelles de Paris, mon cher Masse?

MASSE:
—Les Français sont toujours "timides"; ils nous prient d'attendre encore 3 siècles, jusqu'à la fin de la Guerre de Six Jours.

THE COVER OF NOUVEAU MONDE

Revealed in this month's issue

DEBRE'S TURNABOUT

A sensational document signed by the present French Minister of National Defense, Maurice Debré, reportedly the highest French official responsible for the Mirage deal with Libya, appears this week in the March issue of Nouveau Monde.

Nouveau Monde, which is published by the editors of The Canadian Jewish News is a non-sectarian, non-partisan French language journal.

Its purpose is to open a dialogue between the non-French and non-English communities and French Canada. Nouveau Monde will now appear once a month, according to M.J. Nurenberger, editor and publisher of The Canadian Jewish News, and also editor-in-chief of Nouveau Monde.

The first eight issues of Nouveau Monde, published on an experimental basis, sold close to eight thousand copies on newsstands without any advertising or publicity. This has encouraged The Canadian Jewish News to commence regular monthly publication.

In an editorial Nouveau Monde states that the magazine believes that the time has come for a dialogue between the intellectuals of French Canada and the elite of the minorities living in Quebec.

Nouveau Monde "does not pretend to solve the problems now on the agenda in Quebec. It sees itself as a journal of opinion and debate and will accord freedom of expression to all who seek equitable solutions . . . Nouveau Monde is convinced that salvation will not come from overseas. It is here in Canada that we must seek and find answers."

Concerning Quebec ties with France, Nouveau Monde cautions French Canadians about the illusion of relying upon Paris. Quebec might have to wait another three hundred years, says Nouveau Monde, if it orientates its policy of economics and cultural revival towards the French government. For Quebec is in North America and its problems must be solved here.

The document on relations between France and Israel, signed by Maurice Debré, was obtained by Nouveau Monde from the French Committee of Solidarity with Israel, of which the present French Minister for National Defense, was a founding member when he was a senator, in 1957.

Mr. Debré then said:

"The State of Israel, born out of revolt and hope, has, through the devotion of its citizens, justified the confidence of those who created it.

It is today, almost in spite of itself, in the forefront of the struggle -- the eternal struggle for liberty . . . Israel represents an advanced citadel whose peaceful character, whose spirit and whose youth constitute a living refutation of obscurantism and violence . . .

Anyone today, who is ready to take a position, based not on sectarianism, or racism but simply on the certainty that liberty is the supreme factor of politics -- must understand, and must help others to understand, Israel's testimony.

Just imagine for a moment that the plot, which is unceasingly advanced by those in the Arab world who want to renew the Hitlerian spirit, is successful. The result would be an unprecedented blow against civilization. The destiny of the Mediterranean, Europe, The West, of Christianity -- all these things would be sorely affected not only as far as their interests are concerned but in relation to their ideals and their reasons for existing, living and believing. The battle that is imposed upon Israel, we should all know, is imposed upon all of us and if we want to respond without hatred and with the unique desire of making our adversaries understood what true liberty and true political grandeur is, we must do it by supporting Israel because in supporting Israel we will succeed."

SOVIETS NO THREAT IN MIDEAST

By the CJN diplomatic correspondent

There will be no Soviet military intervention in the Middle East, despite hard-line editorials appearing in the Soviet press and bellicose statements made at the recent Cairo summit last weekend.

The anti-American resolution adopted by Egypt, Syria, the Sudan, Jordan and Iraq, and the "absent" presence of Libya, is nothing but propaganda according to diplomats. The statement made by the Prime Minister of Morocco against American arms for Israel during the visit of Secretary of State William Rogers in Rabbat, on Monday is also in the same category.

There will be no Russian direct action say diplomats, because Moscow is now seriously considering the possibility of war with China. According to well informed West German sources the present Moscow effort to achieve a modus vivendi with Bonn, is a part of a strategy to secure the back of the Soviet Union against attack, in case of a war with China.

* Well informed sources in Washington also say that President Nixon's open support of the defense of Israel is motivated by a lack of fear of direct Soviet intervention. The U.S.-Chinese talks in Warsaw are perturbing the Soviet Union much more than the presence of the Americans in the Middle East. Also, it is reported that the Soviet Union now welcomes strict adherence to the cease fire agreement between the belligerents in the Middle East.

This is the way Washington sees the present Soviet policy:

It is still the no war no peace attitude because peace would mean the elimination of Soviet influence in that part of the world. Direct intervention would mean confronting the United States, which admits that she needs Israel as a solid partner in guarding the roads to Asia and Africa.

* This situation is also behind the intransigent position of Golda Meir, the Prime Minister of Israel, who told the New York Times that Jerusalem will not consider anything but direct talks between the parties involved in the conflict.

* The Prime Minister received strong support for her position recently when the United States' largest newspaper, the New York Daily News said: "Instead of trying second-hand blackmail on Israel's friends, Kosygin ought to work on his own stooges. There is only one way to prevent a new heat-up of the conflict, and that is serious face to face bargaining between the nations directly involved."

* Moshe Dayan told students at the Beersheva University last weekend that this month, will decide whether there will be outright war in the Middle East.

A JCNS exclusive

Greeks reconsider Libyan links

Athens

Relations between Greece and Libya, already strained because of Libyan support for Arab terrorists operating in this country, have worsened. There is now a possibility that Greece will withdraw facilities for the training of Libyan air and naval cadets.

Since 1965 when the training agreement was signed, some 120 Libyans have graduated from Greek pilot training courses able to fly American built Northrop F-5 jet fighters. There are 150 air and naval cadets under training at the present time.

What has led to the present worsening in the relations between the two countries is the recent expulsion from Libyan waters of seven Greek fishing boats, which were fishing under an agreement signed by the two Governments. The Libyan attitude is regarded here as "provocative."

To date, Libya has received 11 F-5s. Her pilots have already crashed three of them. Ten more are due, in addition to the more than 100 Mirage and other aircraft to be supplied by France. Experts here say that the conversion from F-5 flying to Mirage flying is only a matter of adaptation.

Greece is also supplying the Libyans with training in jet maintenance and the operation of small coastal craft.

Arabs on trial

A Magistrates' Council of the Criminal Court of Appeal has approved the prosecution of three young Arabs accused of a bid to hijack a Trans World airliner. The three, a girl and two youths, were arrested at Athens airport before boarding the aircraft on December 21.

They are Maha Abu Kalil, 22, a Lebanese teacher; Sami Fawzi Aboud, 20, a law student of Beirut University; and Issam Doumit, 18, a student.

Mr Constantin Christopoulos, the Athens prosecutor, has charged them with "illegal possession of arms and explosives aimed at endangering the life of innocent persons and causing damage to private property."

The indictment alleges that the Arabs confessed to accepting the assignment of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine to hijack the aircraft, which had come from Lydda. They arrived in Athens by air from Beirut on December 19.

All have appealed to the Supreme Court against the Magistrates' Council's ruling based on their statements.

The trial opens on February 17 in the Athens Penal Court of Appeal of two Arabs accused of an attack on an El Al airliner at Athens airport on December 26, 1968, in which a passenger was killed and an air hostess injured.

Mahmoud Mohammed, 25, a Palestinian teacher, and Maheb Suleiman, 20, a Tripoli (Lebanon) student, said to belong to El Fatah, are charged with wilful murder and illegal possession of weapons and explosives, and other offences.

Elias Derkarabetian, 23, an Armenian-born Damascus tailor, and Mansour Murad Sugaged, 21, an Arab medical student at Athens University, both holders of Jordanian passports, face similar charges arising from the bomb attack on the El Al office in Athens on November 27.

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TORONTO SYNAGOGUES

HOLY BLOSSOM

A recent guest at Holy Blossom was Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman, of the Emmanuel Congregation of Chicago. Rabbi Schaalman spoke at the Friday evening service on the topic "Auschwitz and God -- A Search for a Theological Answer."

SHAAREI TEFILLAH

Seven different courses on various aspects of Judaica are being given regularly at Shaarei Tefillah. Rabbi Berglas is involved in several of the courses on Jewish philosophy and Talmud. On Wednesday mornings he is giving a shiur in Gemorah Moed Katon.

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For the next two months, all teachers in the schools connected with the United Synagogue will be participating in the United Synagogue Professional Growth Program.

Mr. C.A. Cohen, Principal of the B'nai Israel Beth David Religious School and chairman of the Principals Council of the United Synagogue, Ontario Region has announced that the 4th annual Professional Growth Program began on February 5th. The program gives the teachers an opportunity to meet with American and Canadian authorities in education and Judaism.

The thrust of this year's series, which runs through April 16th, is in modern teaching techniques and Mitzvot Ma-a-see-yot, and will be chaired by Ralph Troper, Principal of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

The schedule of lectures is as follows:

Feb. 12 - Aaron Nussbaum on Mitzvot Maasseyot and Ritual - Why?

Feb. 19 - Rabbi Kelman on Kashrot.

Feb. 26 - Rabbi Pappenheim on Chageem.

March 5 - Rabbi Witty on Machsheeray Kodesh.

March 12 - Pesach Schindler on Mitzvat Eretz Yisrael.

March 19 - Rabbi Feder on Shabbat.

April 9 - Shragai Arian on Lesser Holidays.

April 16 - Rabbi Berkowitz on Tzedaka.

MUSIC FROM ISRAEL.- Cantor Sheldon F. Merel of Holy Blossom Temple, who will present a concert of music from Israel at the Jewish Public Library on Monday evening, February 16th.

He will be accompanied at the piano by his wife, Marcie, and will sing several folk songs with guitar accompaniment. This will be Cantor Merel's first public concert since he has taken up his duties at Holy Blossom Temple.

He comes to Toronto from Oakland, California where he served Temple Sinai for the past 11 years. Just recently, he presented a lecture-recital of Jewish music at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. His west coast premieres include: the Jewish folk opera, Chelm; A Sabbath Service In Jazz; the oratorio, Joseph with chorus and orchestra; and, a folk-rock service with teen choir and electric guitars.

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TORONTO RABBI TO HEAD JEWS' COLLEGE

Dr. N.L. Rabinovitch who will head Jews' College in London.

Dr. Nahum L. Rabinovitch, spiritual leader of Downsview's Clanton Park Synagogue and professor of mathematics at the University of Toronto was officially appointed as Principal of Jews' College in London, England, according to a report from the JCNS service.

Forty-one year old Dr. Rabinovitch is a native-born American and is recognized as an outstanding scholar in the field of rabbinics among the younger generation of American orthodox rabbis.

The announcement in London says that Dr. Rabinovitch will take up his post in the spring of 1971.

He was recommended by Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and his appointment was unanimously approved by the college education committee.

He will leave soon for a brief visit to England to attend a special meeting with the faculty and leading Jewish scholars.

In a statement issued in London last week Chief Rabbi Dr. Jakobovits declared:

"I am delighted at the successful outcome of what has been for me personally a major concern ever since I assumed my office.

As a forward looking, highly articulate leader of the younger generation of enlightened Orthodoxy, and enjoying a world-wide reputation among rabbinical scholars, Dr. Rabinovitch is sure to bring a fresh approach to one of Anglo-Jewry's most venerable and, indeed, unique institutions."

Israeli and Arab on panel

Dr. Aba Gefen, Consul-General of Israel in Toronto will participate February 24th in a discussion on the Middle East sponsored by the United Church of Canada's Committee on International Affairs.

The program entitled The Middle East - Arabs and Israelis, will be held at the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church on St. Clair Avenue West.

The other speaker will be Ibrahim Shukrallah, Director of the Arab Information Center in Ottawa.

The moderator will be Rev. Donald Stirling of Kettleby, Ontario.

BROTHERHOOD

To coincide with Brotherhood Week an ad hoc committee of Catholics, Evangelicals and Liberal Protestants are sponsoring a meeting on February 23rd to answer the question: Israel - Is there a Christian View.

The importance of this meeting is the fact that it is a rare occasion when three such divergent Christian groups unite to exchange their views.

Sponsors of the meeting have adopted as the theme of their symposium Once again, within a generation, the Jewish people are under accusation.

The meeting, to be held at Yorkminister Park Baptist Church will have as its keynote speaker the Rev. Douglas Young, president of the American Holy Land Institute in Jerusalem.

The panelists for the discussion include the editor of the Catholic World, Father John B. Sheerin of New York City, who has just returned from a tour of the Middle East; the Rev. Hope Smith, a Pentacostal, of Evangel Temple, Toronto; the Rev. Alan Davies, a United Church Professor of the University of Toronto; and the Rev. Roland de Corneille, Anglican Director of Christian-Jewish Dialogue.

REV. BOIMOIL DIES

The Jewish community of Toronto was saddened last week by the death of Reverend Solomon Zalman Boimoil, age 84, father of Nachman Shemen, director of Kashrut committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Reverend Boimoil, who was a shochet for many years in this city, was a devoted member of the Chevra Shass. His whole life was spent among Jewish books, both during his life in Poland and in Canada, where he settled in 1927.

At the funeral services, held on February 4th at the College Memorial Chapel, Reverend Boimoil was eulogized by Rabbis Gedaliah Felder and Marcus Ochs. He was described as a real Talmid Chacham and as a man who had lived a full Torah life. He is survived by his son, Nachman Shemen and a daughter, Mrs. Florence Korn of Toronto.

צאתכם לשלום

On behalf of the Sunday Talmudic Study Group of the Beth Sholom Synagogue (which takes place one and a half hour prior to Mincha Services) I would like to extend a hearty tzetchem lasholom to Rabbi Dr. David Monson and Cantor Ephraim Rosenberg on their forthcoming mission to Israel on the occasion of the sod-turning ceremony of the new Shaarei Zedec Hospital in Jerusalem.

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MONTREAL NOTES

The question of Medical Care, one of increasing priority with age, will be studied at an all day institute set for Wednesday, February 25th. The institute, organized by the 1,600 member Golden Age Association, will include as speakers Robert Despres, president of the Quebec Health Insurance Board, and Dr. Raymond Robbilard, president of the Federation of Medical Specialists of Quebec.

The Golden Age Association, a constituent agency of Allied Jewish Community Services, is extending an invitation to send delegates to attend its institute to the 25,000 member Senior Citizens Forum.

The program is organized so that workshops will be conducted in three languages -- English, French and Yiddish.

The committee planning the Golden Agers' Seventh Annual Members Conference, to be held at the YM-YWHA, 5500 Westbury Ave., is concerned about a number of questions, Mrs. Rose Joffe, Chairman of the Program Committee stated.

"We hope the workshops will determine how the medical profession is planning to handle the extra workload under Medicare; how the number of doctors will be increased; how patients will be assigned hospital beds; the stage of negotiations between the province and the doctors preference for billing under medicare," said Mrs. Joffe.

Under the present arrangements for elderly people on welfare, she said, Golden Agers often are refused services by doctors not prepared to accept government Medicaide cards. The result is desperation among some poorer senior citizens. "We hope," she added, "through out institute to do everything possible to avoid such unfair conditions in the future in ailing senior citizens."

BRONFMAN TO RECEIVE AWARD AT TEMPLE

Monday evening, February 16th, at Temple Emanu-El ing citizens will attend the Annual Brotherhood Dinner Meeting of Catholics, Jews and Protestants, sponsored by the Men's Club of Emanu-El. Guest speaker will be Dr. Roger Gaudry, D.Sc., Rector of the University of Montreal.

The Brotherhood Award of Merit will be presented by Rabbi Dr. Harry J. Stern, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El to Samuel Bronfman, C.C., LL.D., for his dedication on behalf of the cause of Canadian nationhood.

The Dr. Stern Award, established four years ago by the Brotherhood of Temple Emanu-El, will this year be presented to Dr. H. Rocke Robertson, Principal and Vice Chancellor, McGill University.

The Mount Shalom Lodge, B'nai B'rith will honor James Wexler on behalf of State of Israel Bonds with a testimonial dinner February 22nd at the Chevra Kadisha - B'nai Jacob Synagogue.

One of the original charter members of Montreal Shalom Lodge, James Wexler has always been active in B'nai B'rith activities and community projects.

HISTADRUT '70

Golden Jubilee 1920-1970

THE YOUNG LISTEN.- Part of the membership of YAD, the young adult group of Histadrut at Montreal's Red Rib Steak House recently to hear Jay Bacharier, Eastern Region Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith speak on the question of "Anti-Semitism in Quebec."

Mr. Bacharier is seated at the far end on the right.

Michael Kerem, Counsellor of the Embassy of Israel in Ottawa will be the guest speaker at the Golden Jubilee Card Distribution Rally of the Montreal Histadrut Campaign which will be held on Sunday, February 15th, at 9:30 a.m. at the Brown Derby Caterers, 4863 Van Horne Avenue.

Michael Kerem was educated at the University of Toronto, graduating in 1944 with the Tracy Scholarship in Philosophy. He was President of the Student Zionist Organization.

Between 1944 and 1947 he was Associate Editor of Magazine Digest - Toronto, New York.

From 1947 to 1950 Mr. Kerem studied at the Sorbonne and was European Editor of Magazine Digest.

Michael Kerem

In 1951 Mr. Kerem taught English and French at the Ryerson Institute of Technology, and between 1952 and 1957 was a journalist contributing to MacLean's Magazine, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, The Toronto Telegram, The Globe and Mail.

In 1957 Mr. Kerem was appointed Director of Information of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In 1961 he was invited to join the team establishing the Division of International Cooperation of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Six years later he was transferred to the Division of Information.

Mr. Kerem served as Mayor of the Council of Ein Karem, a suburb of Jerusalem.

He returned to Canada in August 1969, to take up his post as Counsellor of the Embassy of Israel in Ottawa.

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From Friday, February 13 to Thursday, February 19

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6 p.m. - Israel Bond, B'nai B'rith Davis Lodge Dinner at Shaar Hashomayim. Honoree: Harold Greenberg.

6 p.m. - Israel Bond, B'nai B'rith Chomedey Lodge Dinner at Young Israel of Chomedey. Honoree: Rabbi S. Spiro.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

8 p.m. - Shaare Zedek Israeli Artists Concert.

9:30 a.m. - Montreal Histadrut Campaign Canvassers Seminar at Brown Derby Caterers. Guest speaker: Michael Kerem.

Prints Exhibition at Saidye Bronfman Center until March 1.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

7 p.m. - Temple Emanu-El 43rd Annual Fellowship Dinner. Guest of honor: Mr. Samuel Bronfman. Guest speaker: Dr. Roger Gaudry. Award recipient: Dr. H. Rocke Robertson.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

8 p.m. - Jewish Music Festival at Beth Hamedrash Hagadol.

B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation Teach-In on Holocaust until February 19.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8 p.m. - Shomrim Laboker Music Month Function.

8 p.m. - Beth Ora Fashion Show.

8 p.m. - Beth Zion Jewish Music Month Concert.

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Montreal Women's ORT will honor Mrs. Harry (Sari) Abelson with a tribute luncheon on behalf of State of Israel Bonds March 4th.

Sari, born in Germany, was educated in Israel and Canada.

The birth of her first daughter ended a brief teaching career at Adath Israel school and soon after she joined the Rameleh Group of Montreal Women's ORT where she has been one of the most active members.

Although dedicated to Home and School Association commitments for years, Sari's favorite cause was and is ORT.

She is a past president of the Rameleh Group, chairman of the Regional Fantasy Hall, a member of the praesidium and she held a four year term as a vice president of Women's Canadian ORT.

She was recently appointed chairman of nominations for the coming fall convention.

Married to Harry A. Abelson, Sari is the mother of two girls and two boys.

MONTREAL OBITUARIES

ADLER, ELSA.- On February 3rd, late of 5807 Hudson Ave., Cote St. Luc.

BLACKER, MARIAM ELKA.- On February 4th, late of 2370 Gold St., St. Laurent.

BLAUKOPF, HARRY.- On February 5th, late of Montreal.

CALES (CALESKY), ANNA - On January 30th, late of 5723 Davies Ave.

CAPLAN, PAULINE.- On February 5th, late of Montreal.

COHEN, MOLLY. - On February 3rd, late of 4589 Fourth St., Chomedey.

JOSEPH, MURIEL.- On January 31st, late of Montreal.

KOTTENBERG, JENNIE.- On February 1st, late of New Glasgow, Quebec.

MENDELMAN, ROCHELLE SHARI.- On February 3rd, late of Montreal.

METSCH (LAXER) ANNIE - On February 2nd in New York City.

PEKAR, ARIE.- On February 4th, late of 4608 MacKenzie Ave.

ROHRLICK, ARMAND. - On February 3rd, late of Montreal.

SCHUCHTER, LOTTIE. - On February 3rd, late of Montreal.

SHLAPAKOFF (SLAPCOFF), HILDA.- On February 1st, late of 5631 Jellicoe Ave.

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PROFILE

TORONTO'S RABBI KARELITZ

by URI JACOBSON

This new series will introduce our readers to the Jewish community, its congregations and spiritual leaders. The order of presentation is neither alphabetical nor does it reflect the relative importance of the respective organization or synagogue. These in-depth profiles are being published in the order they were prepared by our reporters assigned to cover this topic.

This series will not discriminate among congregations representing different expressions of Judaism: liberal, conservative or orthodox. They all form an integral part of the living Jewish community and as such they will be presented to the public.

The Editors

Few people in Toronto are aware that we have in this community a scion of one of the great rabbinic families. He is Rabbi Shmaryahu Karelitz, dean and principal of Yeshivah Yedodei Hatora and nephew of the Chazon Ish, one of the most illustrious Torah scholars in this century. The latter was the only rabbi ever consulted by David Ben Gurion during his period as Prime Minister.

Rabbi Karelitz disclosed this fact to me during a lengthy interview with me in his office at the Yeshivah, that unmistakable building on Lawrence Avenue with the two tablets over the center roof area.

Born in Vilna, Rabbi Karelitz left that city shortly after his bar mitzvah and settled in Palestine where he continued his rabbinic studies. During this period he was involved in the organization of the Kolel Hazon Ish, a post-graduate institution for Torah learning.

In 1947 Rabbi Karelitz emigrated to the United States and for a number of years shuttled back and forth between that country and Israel in order to organize support for the Kolel project. His work at this school also involved editing various books and pamphlets sponsored by that institution.

Windsor, Ontario was Rabbi Karelitz's home between 1955 and 1961. Invited to occupy a pulpit in that city, he worked tirelessly in creating a sound educational program for Jewish children.

Residents of Windsor will no doubt remember the rabbi as the person responsible for organizing a school bus service to transport twenty-five youngsters every day to a Yeshivah in Detroit.

"In those days the idea of sending children to a Yeshivah," said Rabbi Karelitz, "seemed like a strange one to many of the residents of Windsor. But my work seems to have borne fruits because I notice that in 1969 a new day school was opened there."

Before accepting his present post in Toronto Rabbi Karelitz also served Jewish communities in Caracas, Venezuela and in Brussels, Belgium. In the latter post he served as chief rabbi for the entire city.

In Toronto he now oversees the operations of a Yeshivah with approximately 150 children in classes from grade one through nine. There is also a pre-school program for nursery and kindergarten groups.

Replying to a question I posed about the Yeshivah's affiliation, the rabbi said that his school is independent of any political group here or in Israel and is devoted exclusively to Torah learning.

There are of course, differences of stress within the Yeshivah when it is compared to other Orthodox institutions.

Yesodei Hatorah does not encourage enrolling children from non-observant backgrounds. "The parents who send their children here," said Rabbi Karelitz, "do so because they know that here they will find a clear "s'vivah" (environment). When you mix children from observant homes with those from non-observant homes, there is bound to be confusion, and that is what we try to avoid here."

Rabbi Karelitz was quick to caution me on this point and noted that this was not to be construed as a criticism of institutions which do open their doors to Jews from all backgrounds. Both serve important functions, he said.

On the question of Israel, Rabbi Karelitz was also very cautious in offering his opinions. He has a great deal of family there as well as friends and numerous correspondents. He visits there regularly and loves the country.

But when I asked him a specific question about the political aspect of Israel he replied by quoting an answer his uncle, the Hazon Ish, had given to a reporter in 1951, when asked the same question.

"A man can be very rich and own many many possessions. But despite that wealth he can still suffer from toothaches. That's the problem when I look at Israel. It has great riches, centers of learning and wonderful people. But it also has its toothaches." The toothache in question is obviously the irreligion found among many of Israel's inhabitants.

"Do you support the Neturei Karta's Amram Blau when he describes Israel as a "trefa medina" (an unclean state)?" I asked him.

"I do not share Blau's views on Israel," was the short reply. Rabbi Karelitz was equally laconic in a reply to a question I asked him about Rabbi Goren's ascent to the Temple Mount. "I feel that Rabbi Goren was wrong in doing that. Many rabbinic sages in Israel have said the same thing."

The discussion then turned to religious life in Canada and more particularly in Toronto. The subject of Yiddish arose when I noted that instruction was being carried out in that language at the Yeshivah.

For Rabbi Karelitz, Yiddish has great importance as an element in differentiating the sacred from the profane (hamavdil ben Kodesh lechol, as he put it). When Yiddish is used to inculcate sacred Jewish values then it, like Hebrew, becomes a holy tongue. The children in his Yeshivah are conscious of this fact because they speak English to their secular teachers and Yiddish to their rebbes.

What about Yiddish as a modality of secular culture? On this point Rabbi Karelitz expressed himself quite categorically. The current interest in Yiddish, he argued, came mostly from older people who are looking to recapture nostalgically the innocence of youth. It wouldn't occur to them to recapture it through the observance of the sabbath or the dietary laws -- instead they latch on to Yiddish. But even this is a passing phenomenon. The only legitimate use for Yiddish, according to Rabbi Karelitz, is to direct Jews towards their sacred religious vocations. For secular purposes Jews might as well employ the language of their country.

What are the things that perturb Rabbi Karelitz most in Jewish life? His answer was couched in Biblical images.

"Remember Elijah, when he confronted the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel? He said to the Jewish people then' If you wish to follow Baal, follow him; if you wish to follow God, then follow Him! The problem with the Jews today is that they are so confused they don't know whether to follow Baal or God."

"This confusion, has been compounded moreover, by a breakdown in the traditional authority structure of the Jewish community. People need leaders and when leadership is lacking the community crumbles. Jews are following too many false prophets. They should follow the clear path of Torah."

Despite Rabbi Karelitz's somewhat gloomy estimate of modern Jewish life, one thing is certain: Yeshivah Yesodei Hatorah has a leader.

THE EDUCATION OF A YOUNG TALMUDIST.- Rabbi Shmaryahu Karelitz, Dean and Principal of Toronto's Yeshivah Yesodei Hatorah, helping a young student to master some of the intricacies of Torah study. Over one hundred and fifty youngsters attend the Yeshivah on Lawrence Avenue.

HEAD OF ORTHODOX CONGREGATION AND SCHOOL.- Samuel Reichmann president of Toronto's Yeshivah Yesodei Hatorah.

MONTREAL BOARD MEMBERS OF CAMP CANADA IN ISRAEL.- At the recent meeting in Montreal are (from left): Eddy Bogomolny, Green Acres Day Camp; Bernie Jacobson, Camp Hiawatha; Bea Jacobson, Camp Hiawatha; Ben Steinberg, resident director of Camp Canada; Bob Lazanik, Camp Pine Valley; Mrs. L. Morgenstern, Camp Pembina and Abe Rosen, Camp Canada and chairman of the Montreal board of directors.

NEW MEMBERS OF CAMP CANADA

BY GLORIA BERLIN

At a recent meeting of Camp Canada in Israel at Montreal's Chateau Champlain Hotel the following were welcomed as new members of the board.

All from Quebec, they are: Bernie and Bea Jacobson, Hiawatha; Mrs. L. Morgenstern and Abe Rosen, Pembina and Bob Lazanik, Pine Valley. They join Eddy Bogomolny and Leon Hochglaube, Green Acres, in forming the Montreal board of directors. Mr. Harold Nashman, executive director, served as chairman for the evening.

Mr. Colin Malamet read greetings from one of the new members, Mr. Alan Bronfman of Montreal, who was unable to attend.

Part of Mr. Bronfman's speech read: "I am grateful for the opportunity of greeting friends of Camp Canada on this occasion and sharing with you, a few of my thoughts regarding this exciting project. As you are all aware, the original concept of a Canadian private camp in Israel was born at the Economic Conference of 1968 -- which I had the honor to attend as chairman of the Canadian delegation. Having observed the development of Camp Canada as it moved from an idea at the conference to a successful reality in the summer of 1969, I am especially delighted to meet with you on this occasion which marks a further milestone in the growth and expansion of the project by the addition to its board of directors of three outstanding Montreal private camps."

Prominent guest was Rabbi Shmuel Nathan, special advisor to the Israeli Minister of Tourism. He pointed out the significance of Camp David's bringing Canadian and Jewish youth together. "The future of Israel depends on such a meeting of minds," he said. He went on: "The deep-rooted Jewish tradition of 'Aliyah Laregel,' when 2,500 years ago Jerusalem became the focal point of interest to Jews in exile, has its parallel in this present day undertaking of Canadian Jewry -- a project to create close bonds for Canadian-Jewish youth with their homeland, Israel."

Rabbi Nathan continued: "It is the initiative of the Camp Canada board of directors and the support of leading Canadian Jewish personalities that further enhances identification with Israel. More than a tourist eyeview, Canadian youth are given a feeling and true understanding of Israel and its people." He ended by extending greetings on behalf of the Minister of Tourism and expressed the hope that all present "shall see in our day a reunion of our people in the spirit of our prophets who said rejoice in the rebuilding of Israel." Rabbi Nathan was thanked by Mr. Nashman.

Mr. Stephen Narber of the Canadian-Israel Chamber of Commerce was the final speaker. He quoted Lord Sieff, who prior to the Economic Conference in Jerusalem in 1968 stated: "No meaningful economic involvement can take place unless there is physical contact with the country."

"JEWS SET AN EXAMPLE"

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The Prime Minister also discussed the contribution of Jewish culture to western civilization and said that Jews in Quebec have also set an example in their identification with Canada. He pointed to the fact that many Jews are able to express themselves in "our two official languages, which is a great contribution to Canadian pluralism." Concluding in French, the Prime Minister said: "The Jewish people have taught us to love our neighbor and to love justice."

The appearance of the Prime Minister at a Jewish assembly, and his repeated support for the Anti-Hate Bill, has been hailed by both English and French newspapers from coast to coast. An exception is Toronto's Globe & Mail, which has editorially opposed the Anti-Hate Bill.

The report on the front page of Monday's Globe & Mail paid little attention to the historic statements by the Prime Minister, but featured an anti-Trudeau demonstration of twenty-five (twenty-five!) protesters who are against the new Indian policies of the government.

The same report also made sure to call the reader's attention to the fact that the Prime Minister was "escorted through a crowd of expensively dressed members of the Montreal Jewish community." It seems the reporter assigned to cover this historic meeting, from the Jewish point of view, and from the point of view of Canadian unity, is a specialist in clothing, and knows the prices of suits and coats without even seeing the labels.

On Tuesday the Globe & Mail could not bypass this occasion without an editorial entitled "After the ball was over," a satirical piece which minimized the Prime Minister's record of humanitarian acts and concern for humanity. The Globe of course, did not endorse the Prime Minister's commitment to the Anti-Hate Bill nor his humanitarian views on coexistence among people of different religions and races.

Chairman of the banquet was Samuel Moskovitch, mayor of Cote St. Luc. Sidney Maislin made the introductory remarks about the challenge of the seventies and B'nai B'rith leader Henry Blatt made the presentation to the Prime Minister. Among others on the dais were: The Honorable Herbert Gray; Mr. and Mrs. David Slopak; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strom; Mrs. S. Nisker; Mr. and Mrs. S. Steinberg; Mr. and Mrs. B. Levine; Mr. and Mrs. S. Littman; Mr. and Mrs. M. Abbey; Mr. and Mrs. M. Simons; Mr. H. Levy; Senator and Mrs. Lazarus Phillips.

THEN THERE WAS LIGHT

Tel Aviv (JCNS) - A 1927 concession granted to the Palestine Electric Corporation by the British Mandatory authorities finally was taken up last week, more than two years after the capture of the Gaza Strip by Israel in the Six Day War.

The Israel Electric Corporation, the PEC's successor, now supplies power and light to Gaza, the town having been connected to the corporation's power lines last week. The local generators, old and unreliable, were taken out of service.

The concession never was canceled by the Egyptian authorities, who had occupied and administered the Gaza Strip (with a short break during and after the 1956 Sinai campaign) since 1948.

Opposition to the electrical linkup was expressed by Gaza council, but some industrial undertakings in the area were in favor.

Also in favor were Israel's security forces, since there now will be adequate lighting at night and reliable electricity supplies for army bases and installations in the area.

SEARCH FOR OIL

Tel Aviv (JCNS) - Israel is intensifying her search for oil, which has so far eluded all attempts at discovery - except for the 20,000 or so tons per annum obtained from the Heletz oil field and the natural gas wells of the southern Negev.

Drilling started last week with the arrival of the vessel, Typhoon, which is to sink six submarine wells off Ashdod, Haifa and Netanya some ten miles from the coast.

These offshore wells are being drilled by Belco, an American firm which also holds the concession in the Yavne area inland.

Altogether, 14 test drillings for oil are scheduled during 1970. Most of the $10 million required will be put up by foreign companies, according to the Minister of Development, Haim Landau.

DAYAN INJURES LEG

Tel Aviv (JCNS). - Moshe Dayan, Israel's Defense Minister, slightly injured his leg recently when he jumped out of a helicopter which had landed in a muddy field.

He was on his way back from inspecting the Jordan front with Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier, when his pilot picked up an SOS message from an Israeli-built Commodore jet aircraft, which was on its third test flight.

As soon as his helicopter had landed, Dayan jumped out, but fell. He was back in his office in the afternoon, with a bandaged leg.

The Commodore crashed near Kfar Syrkin, north of Tel Aviv. The pilot and co-pilot, and two test pilots travelling in the aircraft parachuted to safety and no one was hurt.

When the wing flaps failed, the aircraft became uncontrollable, and the pilots had no choice but to bale out.

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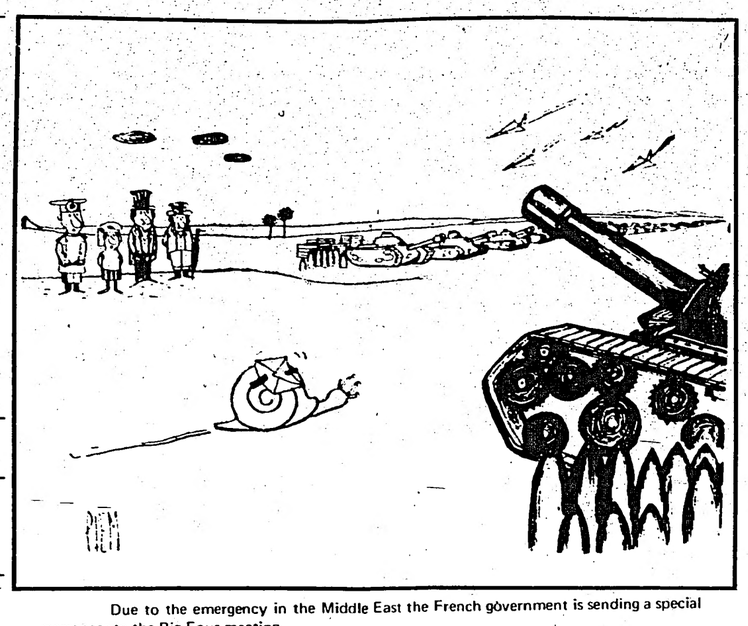

Due to the emergency in the Middle East the French government is sending a special messenger to the Big Four meeting.

Le Figaro, Paris

An Historic Address

TRUDEAU

Those who believe that the citizens of Quebec can never be segregated according to race, religious allegiance, ethnic descent, or mother tongue -- and who believe that all who live in Quebec are Quebeckers and Canadians -- will welcome the historic address made by a prominent French-Canadian, the Prime Minister of this country.

We in The Canadian Jewish News have maintained for years that the Jews of Montreal are not running away. Montreal is their home and they are not going to become hysterical because of a misunderstanding of the true aims of French Canada's cultural renascence. Having stated this position on numerous occasions we are especially pleased with Mr. Trudeau's statement at the Anti-Defamation League Dinner in Montreal on Sunday, when he told the Jewish community:

" . . . Stick with it! "

Prime Minister Trudeau meant exactly what he said. And we want to assure him that the majority of Jews in the province of Quebec agree with him -- whether they entirely share his opinions on the linguistic problem or not. The Jews of Montreal are Montrealers just as much as those people of German, French, English, Scottish or Italian descent who have made that city one of the most charming and fascinating places in our modern world.

Montreal is a fantastic city, a wonderful place to live and to enjoy life. It is a city where the people, whether French or English by linguistic preference, are tolerant, humane and absolutely free of racialism.

Despite some vociferous propaganda from the lunatic fringe, French Canadians, whether liberal or conservative, federalist or separatist, would never accept a situation in which a minority would become the scapegoat in the rapidly changing social order. French Canadians are warm, profoundly artistic people who say yes to life and who, because of this, have felt very close to their Jewish compatriots, despite foreign inspired agitators.

This was true of Quebec when the Nazis and the Italian fascists made an effort, during World War II, to incite the people against Jews and other minorities -- and against English Canadians. Such nonsensical tactics will never find a response within a group which for generations has felt oppressed by a dominant cultural power.

In fact Mr. Trudeau's appearance at the Anti-Defamation League Dinner is, in itself, a demonstration of French-Canadian determination to create a just society. For isn't Mr. Trudeau himself a product of French Canada's progress towards more stronger cultural expression by French Canadians? Progress, one might add, which is largely devoid of racial overtones. We do not hesitate to add that such anti-racialist attitudes are common among all responsible Quebec leaders, those who agree with Mr. Trudeau on other issues, and those who differ with him.

There is an atmosphere in Quebec, an ambiance, to use a French term, which is permeated by true love of freedom for all and which no Algerian trained agitators could ever poison.

The Anti-Defamation League, in our opinion, has established its importance by providing a forum for the Prime Minister to make this pertinent statement which we know is shared by most Canadians regardless of political persuasion or philosophy.

In fact the Anti-Defamation League is closest to our ideal of a movement which fights bigotry and racial hatred because of its character as a non-sectarian and non-partisan organization. We have never believed that the struggle against antisemitism is solely the task of the Jewish community. Antisemitism may affect or threaten Jews first, but in the long run, it aims at undermining society and destroying any just social order. Thus no Jew could have made a stronger point against the racial hatred which menaces the peoples of the free world, than the Prime Minister, in his Montreal address.

In our new era there is a definite generation gap discernible between the old fashioned approach to combating bigots, which makes Jewish groups appear to be the only ones opposed to discrimination on grounds of race and religion -- and the modern approach, as expressed by Prime Minister Trudeau, that the destruction of bigotry is necessary in the building of a just society.

Therefore, this newspaper, which since its inception almost eleven years ago, has demanded legislative steps against the dissemination of racial hatred, salutes the Prime Minister for so valiantly and courageously accepting this challenge and for stating for the record that the dissemination of racial and religious prejudice will become a criminal offense in Canada.

There was a time when some Jewish groups disagreed with The Canadian Jewish News about the necessity of amending the criminal code in order to ban Nazi-like propaganda in this country. It is immensely satisfying to us to note that these same organizations are now supporting this step, which will inevitably lead to the progress of democracy in Canada.

Last but not least, Prime Minister Trudeau's words at the Montreal Anti-Defamation League meeting, demonstrates that the majority of Canadians are sick and tired of being hampered in their march towards equality and justice by professional hate merchants.

To us this Montreal meeting is the beginning of a new era in Canada which will give all of us more faith and a stronger belief in the effectiveness of our democratic system.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WEST GERMANY

Dear Editor:

In the January 30th issue of your newspaper you reported about possible changes with regard to Israel and the policy of the present West German socialist government. You mention the name of Hans Juergen Wischnewski, Willy Brandt's pro-Arab trouble shooter.

May I add some very important facts to your information.

I recently read in the West German newspapers that the socialist Bonn government has now signed an agreement with Jordan under the terms of which Bonn will provide Hussein a loan of twenty-five million German marks.

This agreement was signed in Bonn between Bahjat Talhouni, the Prime Minister of Jordan and West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel.

Is the West German government now joining the British socialists in its policy towards the Middle East?

Nachman Mandel
Montreal.

The Canadian Jewish News interviews Barlev

ISRAEL'S STRATEGY

By MOSHE RON (TEL AVIV)

The present Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Army is the eighth man to occupy that post. Before him Jacob Dori, Yigal Yadin, Mordecai Maklef, Moshe Dayan, Chaim Laskov, Zvi Zur and Yishak Rabin, served in this capacity.

When the editors of the Israeli press arranged a reception for Chaim Barlev recently, chairman Jacob Amit stressed that Barlev is very popular among soldiers and civilians alike. He is a pacifist by nature and were it not for the war situation it is most probable that Barlev would be a professor in the humanities. He likes people. He personally takes part in nearly every military action, bidding farewell to the soldiers. He visits each Israeli settlement, that has been shelled by enemy guns, or attached by terrorists and makes it a point to see wounded soldiers and civilians in the hospitals.

It is a pleasure to talk to the Israeli Chief of Staff. General Barlev speaks slowly, modestly and with deliberation. He never gets excited or nervous, and scrupulously avoids polemics and personal attacks. He always succeeds in convincing people with his logical manner and good humor. He always praises soldiers returning from military actions with straight talk.

In the course of his duty as Chief of Staff during the last two years, there has been no regular war other than commando attacks on the borders. Nasser has not succeeded in his efforts to weaken the Israeli Army or the moral of the civilian population by his massive shelling of Israeli positions on the Suez Canal.

The building of the fortified Barlev line on the Eastern shore of the Canal and the fierce Israeli counter-attacks have foiled Nasser's plans completely. Up till now the Israeli Air Force has carried out 2800 sorties into Egypt and has enlarged the radius of its actions to include the outskirts of Cairo. These actions have upset Nasser's plan to open another war against Israel. This is one of the greatest achievements of the Israeli Army under the command of General Barlev. The situation on the Suez front has improved very much since June 1969. The Israeli soldiers are today much more secure and safe in their entrenched positions and the number of dead and wounded has decreased considerable.

Barlev explains to us that the frequent attacks of the Israeli Air Force on military targets in Egypt are due to the breach of the ceasefire agreement by Nasser. For a long time Israel has hesitated to use its Air Force against Egyptian targets, because it had hoped that Nasser would keep this agreement until a peace-settlement was reached. Israel is still ready to cease the air attacks, if Egypt would agree to peace talks, because Israel is not interested in an escalation on the Egyptian front.

General Barlev told us that the Egyptian commandoes are well trained, but they are not capable of carrying out their actions and prefer to flee immediately when they meet Israeli soldiers. The Egyptian fighter-pilots are eager to get rid of their bombs as quickly as possible. The Egyptians are preparing for a thrust through the Suez Canal and have the necessary means for it, but they know quite well, that they have no chance of succeeding. They are trying to learn fighting methods from the Israelis but they are bad pupils . . . They tried without success to imitate the action of Israeli helicopters.

Barlev stated that the Egyptian attempt to weaken the Israel Army by massive shelling has had a reverse effect on Cairo. Heavy losses were inflicted upon the Egyptians by the attacks of the Israeli Air Force during the last months. The Commander of the Egyptian Air Force was removed and there are strong forces in Egypt working against the continuation of the so-called "War of Weakening" against Israel. One of these was the voice of the Egyptian Vice President, Anwar Sadat. What troubles Israel most are the losses caused by Egyptian shelling in the Canal area and Israel does its utmost to prevent them.

General Barlev does not believe that Egypt is capable of starting a "Blitzkrieg" against Israel. Israel is ready for such an eventuality. General Barlev does not believe that the Russians will take part actively in a war between Israel and the Arabs. They have given them a great number of planes tanks and guns, but they do not wish to interfere themselves. It is not plausible for Arab countries like Algeria, Yemen, Kuwait and Libya to give much help to Egypt in the case of war with Israel.

General Barlev said, it was unnecessary to reply to each Egyptian attack with a counter-attack. Israel is not interested in a general flare-up on the Suez front nor can she use the same method as the Arab guerillas, killing innocent people. Israel differentiates between fighting on the front and attacks on innocent civilians. It would be easy to explode bombs in central squares swarming with people in the Arab countries, but Israel does not wish to use such methods. It does not wish to create the image that Jews use terror-methods against innocent old people, women and children.

General Barlev does not think that the terrorists have made much progress in their activities during the last few months. Israel at first lost some high ranking officers who took part in the pursuit of terrorists, but lately the Israeli Army has found the means to do this job without human losses.

Regarding the increase of terrorist activities from Lebanese territory against Israel, General Barlev warned that if the Lebanese authorities would not take stern measures against these terrorists, Israel would be compelled to safeguard its security by actions against the terrorists on Lebanese territory. The Lebanese should learn a lesson from events and developments in Jordan, General Barlev said. All the villages on the Jordanian border with Israel have been turned into ruins and it is up to the Lebanese authorities to avoid such occurrences on their border with Israel . . .

General Barlev stressed there is relative calm on the Syrian-Israeli border. The Syrians do not forget that the distance between the present positions of the Israeli Army and their capital, Damascus, is quite short. Israel did well, when it refrained from an immediate reaction after the imprisonment of the two Israeli passengers on the kidnapped TWA plane in Damascus. Israel was interested in getting them free, and if she had reacted immediately, who knows how long the two Israeli citizens would have remained in Damascus? The Syrians know quite well that Israel is capable of taking appropriate action against any of their attacks.

General Barlev told us that the Israeli Army is today stronger than before the Six Day War and ready for any eventual attack by the enemy. The Israeli soldier does not like soldiering and war but he is ready to defend his country and even to sacrifice himself for it.

The father of General Barlev, Menachem Barlev, is a descendant of the Gaon Magen Abraham from Kalizz. He published a book, Likutim which is a commentary on the Bible. General Barlev's wife, Tamar, is a teacher and is studying at the Bar Ilan University. His daughter is a parachutist and his son a sportsman.

In 1967 General Barlev studied at the Fort Knox Military Academy and is an expert on tank formations. He is a flier and parachutist. When the Six Day War broke out, he was recalled urgently from the U.S. and appointed Vice Chief of Staff to General Yizhak Rabin. After the Six Day War, when Rabin left the Army and took over the office of Israeli Ambassador to Washington, General Barlev was appointed as Chief of Staff of the Israeli Army. He is now beginning his third year. His most urgent desire is not victories on the front, but a stable peace. The State of Israel and the Jewish people can be proud that the Chief of the Israeli Army is a grandson of the Magen Abraham. The grandson of the Defender Abraham is now defending the security of the State of Israel and its people.

Mideast War

THE ARAB POSITION

London - The present Middle East crisis is more serious that at any time since the Arab-Israeli war of June 1967, reports the London Sunday Telegraph.

The paper goes on, "But the situation is still by no means desperate and the chances of a renewal of all-out hostilities between the Israelis and Arabs in the near future remain limited.

"Behind their smoke-screen of bellicose propaganda the harsh fact is that the Arabs are far from ready to challenge Israel. Their leaders know it.

"Today the situation is radically different from that prevailing in the seeks before the 1967 conflict. At that time short-lived unity of effort among Arab States had been achieved.

"Arab Armies were fully mobilized and had a sketchy degree of staff cooperation. The Arab world believed the boasts of Egyptian military commanders that Egypt had air superiority over Israel and that Egypt-built rockets could devastate any target in Israel within seconds.

"Today the Arab armies are not mobilized. The Egyptial forces, the larges in the Middle East, are geared for defense. There is no combined Arab General Staff.

"Egypt and Iraq may offer to send air squadrons to Syria and Jordan. At this stage Jordan's small Air Force can offer practically no air cover to Arab ground forces on the east bank of the Jordan River.

"Other Arab States may propose sending troops or strengthening their contingents on the eastern front and in Egypt. But for the Arab numbers -- in men or equipment -- are not the immediate problem as they already have large numerical superiority."

The Sunday Telegraph Report ends by stating that if more Arab contingents are sent to the military front they would likely hamper efficient cooperation among Arab military commands.

CHIEF OF STAFF of the Israeli Defense Force Chaim Barlev (right) is interviewed by The Canadian Jewish News Israeli correspondent Moshe Ron.

ASK THE RABBI

a JCNS featurette

WHAT IS A JEW?

Until quite recent times, the question hardly arose. Jews lived largely in closed religious communities, and anyone born of Jewish parents or who was "received" into Judaism according to Jewish religious law (in the relatively rare cases when this happened) was a Jew. With Jewish emancipation, which started about 200 years ago, the phenomenon of mixed Jewish-Gentile marriages began to arise. But in general a Jew or Jewess only contracted to the outside community and had lost the wish to live or bring his or her children up as Jews.

The religious status of the children of mixed marriages has become an important issue only in this century, largely in Anglo-Saxon countries where it was easier to merge into society at large without giving up one's Jewish affiliations. It also became a problem after the Second World War in the destroyed communities of Europe, where small isolated pockets of Jews remained.

Traditionally, the rule as to the religious status of children of mixed marriages has been quite clear, at least since Talmudic times: "The child follows the mother" (Kiddushin 68b), and so it is codified in the Shulchan Aruch (Eben Ha'ezer 8,5) and Maimonides (Yad, Hilchot Isurei Bi'ah 19,6).

The reason for this rule is nowhere explicity stated and is not very clear, particularly as in other respects the child follows the father; for instance in regard to the status of Cohen. The rationale seems to be three-fold: in the first place, even where paternity is at all in doubt, it is possible to state with certainty who is the mother. But more importantly, the rule expresses the importance Judaism attaches to the role of the mother in bringing up her child and giving it its early religious upbringing. And after all, it is the mother who gives birth to her child.

Complications which have given rise to periodic controversy in recent years emerged with the establishment of the State of Israel, which is governed by traditional religious law only in certain fields (in matters of "personal status," i.e., marriage, divorce, inheritance). Every Israeli is identified under three headings: nationality, community and religion. As I understand the Israeli Supreme Court ruling, an Israeli citizen can belong to the Jewish "community" without being a Jew by religion, just as an Arab citizen of Israel belongs to the Arab "community" and by religion can be a Christian or a Moslem.

Since we in the diaspora do not categorize Jews by community as distinct from religion, I do not see that we are directly affected. Our Batei Din will continue to turn to the Israeli rabbinical courts rather than the civil authorities where the religious status of Israelis is concerned.

KEEP SMILING

CONFUSION ENOUGH

Two of the brightest scholars in all Chelm, if not the whole world, were discussing the difficulties involved in learning to spell the modern as well as the biblical words that were part of their studies.

"Let me ask you a question," said one.

"Ask!" replied the other.

"Who needs a gimmel in 'Noah'?"

"But there is no gimmel in 'Noah'."

"Tell me, why shouldn't there be a gimmel in 'Noah'?"

"But who needs a gimmel in 'Noah'?"

"Now just a minute," protested the first student. "That's the same question I asked you to begin with: 'Who needs a gimmel in Noah?'"

ORIGIN

Television star Danny Thomas, a Lebanese who tells a Jewish joke better than most Jews, claimed he bought a parrot from an Israeli seaman.

"Every morning," swears Danny, "the parrot would shout, 'Polly wants a matzoh!'"

TELLING HIM

A gorilla walked into Goldman's delicatessen and ordered a pastrami sandwich on pumpernickel with a piece of pickle on the side -- to go.

"That'll be two dollars," said Goldman, handing the ape the sandwich. "And I must say, I never expected to see a gorilla in my store!"

"At two dollars for a pastrami sandwich," snapped the gorilla, "you never will again."

Sermon for the week

APPEAL AND RESPONSE

The current Sidra opens with a theme only too familiar to twentieth-century Jewry, an "Appeal" to contribute wealth towards a worthy cause, an invitation by God Himself to the Israelites to participate in the building of His symbolic Dwelling Place among our people, the Holy Mishcan.

Most remarkable is the reaction of Moses to the overwhelming response to the invitation. When he was confronted with the tremendous offerings far in excess of the requirements of the building, he at once instructed that the "appeal" be declared closed and that no further donations be accepted. How strange this must sound to those of us accustomed to the high pressure technique of the contemporary world. Is an appeal for communal requirements ever really over-subscribed? Furthermore, were this unlikely contingency to arise, can we so easily imagine our energetic initiators so simply, admitting the fact, and issuing a public proclamation that no more contributions be accepted? It is only too likely that ample use for the surplus offerings would be found.

Surely Moses was not so much worried that too much wealth was being expended upon the house for God, but rather he was anxious lest too much energy be absorbed in its physical construction. The danger lay in the very deep satisfaction that derives from good works. When Moses cried out "Enough!" he had in mind the precious currency of spiritual enthusiasm, which was not to be utterly spent on the first work that caught the imagination of the grateful Israelites.

Unfortunately our generation lacks leaders with such perspective and courage. Working for the synagogue is too often synonymous with toiling exclusively for its material welfare. Time, energy, and organization seem to stop short at this point. Comparatively rarely do we have business-like meetings convened to discuss the most effective means to counter ignorance and the laxity of religious observance. How often do we hear of dynamic campaigns against the profanation of Shabbat, or of a sustained drive to encourage attendance at synagogue, carried through with that vigor and efficiency which we normally associate with fund-raising drives?

The sad consequences are all too evident. New edifices spring up on all sides while older buildings are modernized and extended. Yet we still await the resultant revival of Torah learning or any perceptible impact upon the religious spirit of congregants. Perhaps, after all, the presence of God was more apparent in the humbler dwellings of our parents and grandparents.

A commentator remarks that despite the pronounced modesty of this temporary Mishcan, as compared with the splendour of the subsequent magnificent Temples of God, these later edifices did not facilitate the earlier extraordinary spiritual experiences. The truest measure of spiritual potential is not merely quantitative, and the secret of the superiority of the humbler effort might well be linked with the deliberate restraint exercised by the wise leader.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK by Dr. Arnold Ages

ANATOMY OF A SPY

THE SPY FROM ISRAEL
by Ben Dan
Hartmore House 211 pp.

ELIE COHEN

Several weeks ago in this column I had the occasion to deplore a book called Our Man In Damascus, a rather sensational account of the espionage activities of Elie Cohen. At that time I observed that Cohen deserved a better monument.

Ben Dan's new version of the story of that celebrated masterspy goes a long way to provide a better and more lasting tribute to this truly exceptional man.

With access to sources obviously denied the previous writer, Dan explores facets of Cohen's life hitherto concealed from most of us. It was most enlightening to read, for example about Elie Cohen's upbringing in Alexandria, his commitment to Judaism and his brilliant studies in Hebrew school.

Before he reached the age of twenty this future agent had become an accomplished polyglot and expert not only in Jewish history but in Arab culture as well. His school friends who described him after his hanging, said that Elie Cohen was basically a loner but one who never hesitated to help a friend in need. On one occasion during an examination in his Hebrew school he circulated answers to the questions so that none of his comrades would fail.

With his deep attachment to the ancestral faith it was inevitable that Cohen would some day emigrate to Israel but not before he had been implicated by Egyptian authorities in a plot allegedly engineered by Pinchas Lavon. Fortunately for Israel, Cohen was released by the Egyptians after he succeeded in convincing them that he was uninvolved in deeds against the state.

Upon his arrival in Israel, Cohen had problems adjusting to the Jewish state. Curiously—enough, this gifted linguist found one of his initial problems was mastering colloquial Hebrew. Although well versed in its Biblical version, modern Hebrew was a closed door for him. This coupled with nostalgia for the city of his youth Alexandria, made his early days in Israel somewhat trying.

A few years later, this time as Taabes, an Argentinian-born Syrian merchant, Elie Cohen, had occasion to revisit his beloved Alexandria on the way to Damascus. Dan observes that during that stay, Elie had to exercise the greatest self-control to prevent himself from wandering through alleys and streets of his youth, and from approaching the shopkeepers whom he knew by name.

The story of Cohen - Taabes' success in penetrating the upper reaches of the Syrian high command, is well known. What Dan brings out much better than previous accounts of the story is Cohen's emotional reactions and his personality transformations.

On a trip back to Israel to celebrate the birth of his third child, a son, Elie Cohen was so ecstatic at the event that he invited his comrades in the security department to come to the brit. This was one of the few occasions that Cohen ever really lost his cool.

The Spy From Israel deserves careful reading because of its human analysis of the life and death of the man who provided Israel with the information that helped Israelis storm the Golan Heights in 1967.

RECENT AND RECOMMENDED

With so many good books being published these days one hardly has time to pay attention to the plethora of popular "Jewish" books. But when Putnam recently sent me Harry Kemelman's Sunday The Rabbi Stayed Home, I couldn't resist the temptation to see whether there wasn't something interesting in it. After all, my friends are constantly asking me if I have read the "Rabbi" books.

I am happy to report to my readers that I was genuinely surprised in reading Sunday The Rabbi Stayed Home, not because of the quality of the mystery plot -- which is amateurish and embarrassing but because of Kemelman's skillful portrayal of a rabbi at odds with his congregation. In an age where rabbi-bating seems to be a favorite pastime it is refreshing to read a book in which the author shows that the rabbinate is perhaps one of the most demanding of all occupations.

The same theme is carried through Albert Vorspan's My Rabbi Doesn't Mke House Calls (Doubleday), a witty look at the foibles of modern Jewry. The best chapter in the book is the one dealing with fund-raising. Vorspan discusses the various ploys which people adopt to outwit the fund raisers. They range from the brutally frank to the sophisticated. Readers will be chagrined to learn that none work. When the Appeal boys come around it's much better to give in. It saves everyone a lot of time!

FAST FOR RUSSIAN JEWS

London (JCNS). - A 24-hour fast for Soviet Jewry will begin after Shabbat terminates on Saturday, February 21, the Universities' Committee for Soviet Jewry has announced.

In addition to the fast, which is part of a programme of protest by the students over the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union, there will be a march to the Soviet Embassy from Speakers' Corner, Hyde Park, on Sunday afternoon, February 22.

SNOWMOBILE DEMONSTRATION TEAM.- Featured performers at Snow-Show '70 at Toronto's Woodbine Race Track, February 14th - 15th will be the Red Nites, a six-man snowmobile demonstration team. Formed primarily to demonstrate the handling characteristics of snowmobiles, the Red Nites execute precision formation manoeuvres.

TALKING ABOUT JERUSALEM

BY JACOB GEWIRTZ

Bernard Kops, poet, playwright, novelist -- his own order of priority -- has never had it so good. His play Enter Solly Gold opened recently at the Mermaid Theater, in London, his novel By the Waters of Whitechapel went into a second printing before the ink on the rave press notices had had time to dry and he has just signed a three-year contract with Secker and Warburg to write two novels.

But Kops, one-time lather boy in a Leeds barber shop, ex-dishwasher in a crummy restaurant, lift attendant, docker and barrow boy is not intoxicated with success. It fits in with his theory that human nature doesn't change. So he still drives around in a beatup old taxi, continues to live in a shabby flat in West Hampstead and would rather be dead than caught wearing a neck-tie. (He recently turned down an invitation to an exclusive reception in honor of Nehama Lifeschitz because it called for formal attire.)

Until the age of 18 the world of Bernard Kops was a mile long, extending from the tenement in Stepney, where he was born, to Gardiner's Corner. It was a world peopled almost entirely by Jews. The Mosley experience left an indelible mark on him. Ever since, there have been for him only two kinds of people -- Jews and anti-semites. He still talks in terms of "them" and "us".

In all things Bernard Kops considers himself a mere observer, except his Jewishness. It is his sole concession to the emotions. At Mosley meetings he studied the faces of his brothers to absorb their feelings. He envied his brothers for being able to cry at their father's funeral. He could not. He compensated this inability to generate a visceral response by writing. It was the only way he could express himself. He still stutters occasionally, but not when he writes.

Although it features prominently in his books and plays, the East End hold no magic for him, no nostalgia. Thomas Wolfe could not go home again. Bernard Kops does not want to. The East End for Kops meant poverty, grime, unemployment and violence and he is glad to have seen the back of it.

Despite the intensity of his Jewishness and his complete dedication to Israel ("If Israel were wiped out, part of me would die. It would be just as if my wife Erica were to die. I could never be the same again.") He could not, he says, live there. Kops equates living with writing, and he could never learn to write in Hebrew. Ironically then, he is a man without a country. In England he is a Jew, in Israel an Englishman. "The further I travel from England, the more English I feel," he complains.

Several years ago he spent four months in Israel as a guest of the BBC. The result was a calamity. Kops has a wild and sometimes weird sense of humor. He stayed for a while in a kibbutz and when a reporter asked him what he thought of kibbutzim, Kops replied that they should all be wrapped in one big parcel and moved to the Grand Canyon. The Israeli press, he laughs, pondered over the implications of that remark for weeks and came to the conclusion that he was anti-Israel.

A short time after he told a meeting of Westerners on aliya that Israel was the dustbin of diaspora Jewry collecting the misfits and failures of the Anglo-Saxon Jewish community. The Americans, he said, took the chiding in good grace. The English were furious.

"When I returned to England to broadcast a report of my trip for Christopher Sykes on the BBC, people were surprised how pro-Israel I was. Because I was critical there they expected me to pan Israel here."

If he had to live in Israel, he says, he would choose Jerusalem. But his Jerusalem, he hastens to add, is not the city of earth and stone. It is Yerushalayim shel maala. The Jerusalem of Blake, of poetry. The Jerusalem that is always one-step beyond man's reach. For Bernard Kops it will always be Next year in Jerusalem.

Caesarea, one of the venues of the Israel Music and Drama Festival.

toronto after dark

THE DUKE RETURNS

Once again, Torontonians will welcome back Duke Ellington and his Orchestra.

They will appear at Massey Hall with the Toronto Symphony on Saturday, February 14th. Mr. Ellington will conduct.

The program will include such Ellington standards as Take The A Train, Harlem, New World A'Coming and Golden Broom & Green Apple.

STUDIO LAB THEATRE

Studio Lab Theatre presented a special student matinee of its production of Dionysus In '69 for Thursday, February 5th. For this performance, Pauline Carey played the role of the god Dionysus and artistic director Ernest J. Schwartz interpreted the role of Pentheus the king.

The casts of Hair, Spring Thaw, The Front Page and Theatre Passe-Muraille also were invited to this special performance.

Dionysus in '69 is entering the third month of continuous performances and is now scheduled to continue into March.

SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals of the Great Lakes District Metropolitan Opera Auditions will be held in the MacMillan Theatre, Edward Johnson Building on on Saturday, February 14th.

The two semi-final winners will travel to Cleveland, Ohio on March 1st to compete in the Regional Auditions, winners of which in turn will reach the finals in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City in the fall.

This year, the young competitors come from Rochester, Montreal, Buffalo and Toronto.

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Also at the Edward Johnson Building Lorand Fenyves and Anton Kuerti, the Faculty of Music's leading violin and piano masters join together once more to present the ten sonatas by Beethoven on the three consecutive Sundays of February 15th, 22nd and March 1st.

AL FATAH — MISSES TARGET.- Assaf Dayan, actor son of Moshe Dayan, was on an El Al bus at the Munich Airport Tuesday when Arab terrorists threw grenades at passengers.

One passenger died immediately and several were reported injured but Assaf escaped unharmed.

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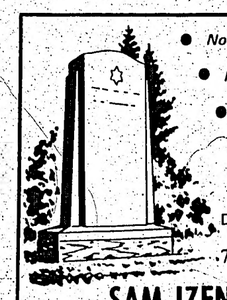

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MAN IN BETWEEN

An exclusive JCNS interview with the editor of the Jerusalem Arab daily newspaper El-Kuds.

Editor El-Zulof

MR MAHMOUD EL-ZULOF, the editor and publisher of El-Kuds in East Jerusalem, who is critical of Israel and *persona non grata* in Jordan at the same time, believes that a Palestinian State consisting of the West Bank and Gaza, with a corridor across Israel, would be the only way to a settlement in that sector. He would like such a State to have hegemony over Jerusalem, but would settle for internationalisation.

Mr El-Zulof also believes that West Bank Arab leaders, by and large, agree with this, but do not have the courage to say so.

Hearing from a friend that Mr El-Zulof holds "open house" every night at about eleven, after his paper has gone to press, we had made our way to the handsome mansion which houses his enterprise in East Jerusalem.

The door was open and we pushed in, peering into offices until we found the editor, a tall - well over six feet -- heavyish, but not flabby, handsome man of about forty, dressed in tweeds and sitting behind a massive desk in a chair suitable for the chairman of any large company.

Mr El-Zulof spoke openly and freely about everything we asked, smiling throughout and savouring both questions and answers. I asked him whether it was safe to keep his front door unlocked, in view of the fact that he probably had some potent political enemies, and he replied that friends thought him crazy to do so.

However, he did not think anything would happen to him or his building, and, if it did, he could take it. He has taken it many times before, he said, still smiling. His reference was to the closing by the Israelis of his highly successful "Al Jihad" and his less successful but equally beloved English-language "Jerusalem Times," when East Jerusalem fell in June, 1967.

Was he heavily censored? He was not censored at all, he said. Since he never printed any military news, but stuck to political matters, he was left strictly alone. There was absolutely nothing to complain of on that score.

He was scornful of the "official" Arab newspaper sponsored by the Israeli Government - in competition with his, and doubled if it had more than a thousand readers, while his paper, he claimed, sold about 15,000 copies daily.

Himself a refugee (from Jaffa), he disagreed with those other refugees who saw only a return to their former homes as a just solution to their homelessness. The Palestinian State was the answer, he said.

But could it be viable? Certainly, he replied. All it would need would be some industrialisation. King Hussein, he said, had seen to it that all industry was concentrated on the East Bank, so that he could keep the West Bank agricultural and thus backward and no threat to him.

Mr El-Zulof said that while the West Bankers did not want to live under the Israelis, neither did they want to live under Hussein. Asked whether Jordan could survive without the West Bank, he smiled and shrugged his shoulders to indicate that he could not care less. He probably would not be too reluctant to incorporate old Transjordan into his Palestine State.

He appeared to admire the Israelis -- without liking them -- for their know-how, and praised them for what they had done for agriculture on the West Bank in the two-and-a-half years of their occupation.

Mr El-Zulof said he frequently travelled to other Arab countries, mainly Lebanon, but no longer to Jordan, "where they don't like me very much."

Lively commerce

He finds that practically no one in the other countries believes him when he talks about the freedom of travel allowed by Israel from and to the occupied areas, and the fact that lorry-loads of produce move freely across the two bridges into Jordan and other Arab countries, with which a lively commerce exists -- livelier, in fact, than before the Six-Day War.

He recalled that, last summer in Beirut, he was asked how he spent his holidays, and he replied: "Swimming." His Lebanese friends said they were happy to hear that the pools in East Jerusalem were back in use, but Mr El-Zulof said that he preferred the sea. "The sea? Where?" They did not believe him when he said "Herzlia" or "Netanya" in Israel.

Mr El-Zulof is apparently wealthy and quite happy, with his business, his political activities and, not least, his family. His wife is a European and his children, it is apparent, are the apple of his eye.

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BRANDT REAFFIRMS AIMS

Bonn (JCNS). - The West German Government's wish for good relations with all Middle East States was reaffirmed by Mr. Willy Brandt, the Chancellor, in an interview with Al Ahram, the Cairo newspaper.

He said that the present difficulties in West German-Arab relations might have been avoided if diplomatic relations with Israel had been established earlier. The exchange of ambassadors in 1965 had greatly contributed to normalizing relations between West Germany and Israel.

Commenting on the Middle East conflict, Mr. Brandt reiterated his Government's standpoint that a solution should be sought on the basis of the November, 1967, Security Council resolution.

He fully supported the two main principles of the resolution: withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied territories and the right of all States in the region to have sovereignty, independence and security.

WILNER IN MOSCOW

Tel Aviv (JCNS). - Meir Wilner, the Jewish secretary-general of Israel's pro-Moscow and pro-Nasser New Communist party (Rakah), arrived in the Soviet Union.

According to a party announcement, he will be resting at a convalescent home near Moscow because his health was impaired by the recent election campaign. Observers here believe, however, that the main reason for the visit is to discuss the new Soviet line supporting the Arab terrorist organizations.

Until now, Rakah has denounced terrorism and has called for opposition to Israel's "occupation policy" by legal means. Should Moscow require it to change this attitude and support sabotage instead, it will face the risk of being banned.

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His windbaggery is hard to discern at first glance, seeing that he's so clever, so learned, has such a highly cultured style, Heykalture personified. For that one must wade through a collection of his celebrated articles, as yours truly did in a weak moment. It was not an easy job by any means, for Heykal is a long-player. Where the common commentator plunges into his political analysis with a vulgar straightforwardness, Heykal tends to ease the reader into his flow of culture with a bright preface that goes something like this:

"Before I desist, if even for a short while, from the consideration of subjects that call for grave consideration, I would like to dwell awhile upon a subject that is worthy not only of consideration but is worth dwelling awhile upon too, even though I am convinced that the subject I am about to dwell upon this time is beyond dispute, if we should be allowed to consider it even without desisting with due gravity."

Only now, after the gasping reader has collapsed, will Heykal inform him that war with Israel is inevitable. For that is the inevitable conclusion he has been arriving at these past 20 years, once every three weeks. That's what keeps the home fires burning. That's what keeps Mohammed on top of the mountain. For Heykal the war has broken out about 77 times already and always inevitably. In the case of the Six Day War, he played his trumps. It was his personal triumph -- his greatest and most inevitable -- seeing that in his famous article written on the occasion of the closing of the Straits (27.5.67) he analyzed the situation with absolutely scientific accuracy. The reader will please take a deep breath and forgive us, but we feel obliged to pass on this brilliant piece of writing verbatim:

"It is the unvarnished truth that existent facts have always been imposed upon us by the Israeli aggressor, and that the Arabs have lacked the strength that might have enabled them to resist existent facts and to change them by force and impose other existent facts in their place." -- So writes our philosopher, who gives his article a sharp turn, as follows: "This is the first time that an Arab challenge to Israel is trying to change a forcibly imposed existent fact, in order to impose another existent fact in its place, because the opening of the Gulf of Aqaba before Israel made an existent fact that was imposed by force, whereas the closing of the Gulf of Aqaba before Israel this week made another existent fact, imposed in turn by Arab force."

At this stage the humble reader, impossibly imposed upon and past knowing the difference between facts and existentialism, is ready to accept the inevitable fact that he's got dealings here with a historian who says everything twice, says everything twice. The more so as Mohammed has a knack for applied prophecy as well. He foresaw the developments of the Six Day War, thus:

"I am convinced that Israel cannot pass over the closing of the Straits in silence. She must react, and we must expect a blow against us. After that, however, the second blow will come from our side, a blow that will be supremely effective."

The prophecy was only partly fulfilled: our blow really did arrive according to plan; the second blow, the effective one, not so hot. One might say then that Heykal managed to guess correctly at a rate of 50 percent -- not a bad result even for "Toto." Why did he mark the little cross for victory in the Egyptian square? By dint of the supreme effectiveness:

"The new Egyptian soldier is a fellah of the Agrarian Reform, an equal partner in the management and the profits of the enterprise, soldier or a progressive Socialist State."

Well, that way it's easy to win. It's almost unfair even to go to war with human material of such obvious superiority. And to top it all he yet writes in another article (26.5.67) about us:

"People sometimes become the captives of lies that they themselves have invented."

What brought about the Six Day War?

"Israel started the attack in order to prevent Egypt from becoming an oil power." (29.4.68)

That's plain staggering. How on earth does the man get to know all our secrets? For who doesn't remember those prewar times, "the ten glorious days that changed the face of the Middle East," as Heykal calls them, how we sat and put our heads together and told ourselves again and again: "No, no, we won't let the Egyptians crown the 'Standard Oil Company Ltd.' out of the region. We shall fight to the last drop of oil!"

In short: he's a silly ass.

He makes a very fine impression, but inside he's stupid. He's an existent fact imposed upon us by force. Though nothing can harm him, this genius of the moment. He remains the pet of the international press, and he feels like a king. Neither is the Israeli press safe from his charm, splashing five-column headlines whenever he publishes his weekly inevitability:

19.1.68: "Heykal: Another War with Israel Inevitable!"
14.4.68: "Heykal: No chance for Arabs to Beat Israel in Battle!"
20.9.68: "Heykal: Egypt to Attack First in Next War!"

And now, to beat it all, in last week's piece: this time the inevitable is going to break out this winter. It'll be Israel who'll attack first though, and Egypt who'll give the second, the effective blow. Don't let's forget that our hey presto Heykal is an intimate of the President, and hence effectively in the know. He's a very objective commentator too. He's more than once astonished the world by admitting unashamedly that Egypt lost the battle of 1967. But why did she lose, eh? Because of America, "which was associated with the aggression through direct and indirect military intervention" (23.6.67), and because of Israel's numerical superiority: "Heykal: Israeli Air Force had 3 to 1 Advantage!" (21.6.68)

Still, things have changed and the winter-inevitability is going to be different. The impositions have come back into existence: Heykal: "The campaign that I am considering now with all its factors and requirements will have to confer a one-way and unequivocal military defeat upon the Israeli army" (11.4.69).

He is planning, as you may know, to destroy about 20,000 Israeli soldiers, one way or another. This time he'll make it, because according to his reasoned judgment Israel's strategic position is incomparably worse now than it was before June 5, 1967, when we still enjoyed a "territorial concentration." This time, says Heykal, it won't be so easy for the Israeli army to advance from its present positions on the Jordan River, the Suez Canal and the Syrian Heights ...

That means, he tells his listeners, that we're in big trouble with those miserable borders. That's what he tells, elegantly, quietly and windbaggery, to the wretched Egyptian people who all these years come in for nothing but a pack of impositions, together with a solemn promise that war is inevitable, that there's no hope whatever for a decent life, that it's going to go on this way for ever and ever.

We're sorry, but the prophet lies like all the rest. He just lies a bit longer, that's all.

TO HEAD TORONTO WOMEN

MRS. SAMUEL J. ZACKS

Mrs. Samuel J. Zacks, a leading figure in business, cultural and civic affairs in Toronto has undertaken the chairmanship of the Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds, for the current campaign. A fourth generation Israeli, Mrs. Zacks has made an important contribution to the life of Israel in many spheres -- welfare, cultural, defense, and development. Mr. and Mrs. Zacks maintain a permanent home in Tel Aviv as well as Toronto, and have been hosts to Israel's foremost leaders, in all fields. In Israel, Mr. and Mrs. Zacks helped with the Hazor excavation, and built a museum to house the findings, in the kibbutz of Ayelet Hachahar, in the upper Galilee. Mrs. Zacks is closely associated with the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Royal Ontario Museum, and the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, as well as serving as a governor of the Foundation of the International Council of Museums.

In response to her appointment as Women's Division Chairman, Mrs. Zacks said: "I hope I may be able to communicate to an even wider segment of the women in our community my own profound conviction that through our maximum participation in the Israel Bond effort we are truly meeting the challenge of Israel in this fateful year of 1970, and beyond. We have a mammoth task before us to mobilize the resources of our community to an extent never before attempted. But we must do it, just as the people of Israel are facing the demands of the present situation there -- with courage, determination, and self-sacrifice."

SIGNS OF LOVE

by Ruthie

It's amazing how a girl finds out if her boy friend loves her. Some of the tests of the heart are remarkable. And convincing.

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Today distance in amour is no hazard. What with the little regard for money, a plane ride from here to there in no time flat doesn't mean a thing. And if he doesn't come to her, she goes to him.

In my time, distance was a decisive factor. If a boy had to spend carfare to see a girl, he just wasn't interested. There was plenty of game closer to home.

Suppose a lassie met a laddie at a dance in Manhattan. Suppose, too, that they liked each other. The supreme test came when it was time to go home. He lived in The Bronx; she, in Brooklyn. But if he didn't bat an eyelash and offered to escort her home, immediately she heard wedding bells. For what boy would be nutty enough to take a girl home if she lived at the other end of the world? Imagine riding an hour one way, then another hour back. If his intentions weren't serious, he'd excuse himself a minute and get lost.

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Then there's the fellow who's lived next door all a girl's life. They know each other so well, they wouldn't recognize the signs of love even if they were hit over the head by one of them. In fact, they date each other when nobody better is around. So imagine her reaction when one Saturday night he insists on paying her carfare! Why, he's so tight — it must be pure, unadulterated love.

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No one is immune to the love bug. The first bite I got was a beauty.

It was a case of puppy love — on his part. Wherever I was, he was sure to be. We were always paired off. Since the feeling was one-sided, I was annoyed; for I wasn't the type to lead a boy on. Yet, I felt flattered by all the attention.

A youngster can be very callous. My girl friends and I ridiculed the soulful look in his eyes. We decided to make him prove his devotion: I was to feign illness and then we'd see how fast he'd come running.

That wasn't difficult. A short time before, I underwent an appendectomy. I intended to suffer from adhesion.

Next afternoon my bosom pal Mitzi called up Willie. She told him how sick I was, maybe dying.

Immediately Willie left his store (he was in the hardware business with his father), went home and changed, and was in my house — all in twenty minutes.

Mitzi threw me a knowing glance. When I looked at his concerned expression, it was all I could do to keep from laughing. Instead I groaned.

Mama came into the room. And, believe me, you don't know my mama. She had a hunch something wasn't kosher. Very gravely she approached the bed, a small bottle in one hand, a glass and spoon in the other. Castor oil! Ugh!

Papa, may he rest in peace, used to love it as a spread on a piece of pumpernickel.

Just looking at it made me nauseous. Mama's lips curled upward slightly. No amount of cajoling helped.

"Aw, come on," said Willie, "It's good for you."

"If you're so smart," I retorted, "take it yourself."

"Okay, I will. I'll show you how."

And, to everyone's amazement and my satisfaction, he gulped down a tablespoon of that stuff.

Dreamily I dozed off — Willie loved me. Or else, why would he take castor oil?

I don't know what became of Willie, but it was many years before Mama found out her conniving daughter.

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With Ned, my moment of assurance came when he showed up on time at our wedding. Sometimes I wonder how he did it, he's so forgetful.

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HUMAN RELATIONS

His Other Love

DR. ROSE N. FRANZBLAU

QUESTION:

My son, married 14 years, has three beautiful children and everything to live for. Now his wife wants a divorce.

My daughter-in-law says my son doesn't show her any attention. He is a pharmacist, has two drugstores, and works day and night. My daughter-in-law bought herself a ranch two years ago, with my son's money and boards horses. She loves horses and goes to horse-shows frequently.

A few months ago, he went to a convention in a hotel and met a woman. He told my daughter-in-law all about it. There was nothing morally wrong done, my son says.

This woman, who is also married and has three children kept calling him all the time. He has only seen her once since then and told her not to bother him any more.

My son and daughter-in-law have gone to lawyers and are now legally separated. My son pleaded with her not to go through with the divorce. The urgency for an immediate divorce seems to have waned. My daughter-in-law is out to get as much as she can from my son.

ANSWER:

Men who dedicate themselves completely to their work, rather than to their home life, are usually driven to this because it is the only area where they get recognition for their accomplishments.

At times, the wife may see the husband's work as the other love in his life, and become jealous or even competitive. His total absorption with his business says to her that he gets more gratification from his work than he does from her. In retaliation, she immerses herself completely in the home and children, and has no time for him when he finally gets home or has free time. Or, she may find a hobby, which becomes the great love in her life.

Your son may have meant well in wanting to build an empire, so to speak, for himself and his family. But as far as his wife was concerned, all the extras were only a form of paying her off for not giving her what she really wanted. Each of the three children they had may also have been seen as a gift to keep her busy and occupied, so that she would leave him alone.

Apparently her hobby did not fulfill the need created by an absentee husband. Her increased demands over the years were only to startle him into realizing how lonely she was and how much she needed him. The final shock which she hoped would bring him back to reality was the threat of a divorce.

Telling his wife about this other woman was a means of letting her know how desirable he is and how women pursue him.

That your daughter-in-law is not pushing for an immediate divorce indicates that she still hopes some kind of reconciliation can be brought about, and that during the separation, her husband will finally come to see how much he loves and misses her and the children.

Both your son and his wife need help. However, it would be a sign of great strength if he were to go for help first, by himself. This would prove to his wife that he really wants to change and keep the family together. Meanwhile, he must find some way of rearranging his work schedule, or hiring assistants to do some of his work, so that he will have time to spend with his family. He might make less, but in giving more of himself to the family, he would enrich their lives as well as his.

TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

The Adath Israel Sisterhood has planned a production of the famous Fiddler in connection with its 20th anniversary celebrations. The musical, to be presented by the Sisterhood Players opens on Tuesday, March 18th and will be directed by Evelyn Pollock. The choreography will be by Dorris Abbott.

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At the recent meeting of the Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood a large donation was presented to the Youth Group at the synagogue. It was also announced that the annual tea and fashion show will be held on March 25th. The following people are in the planning committee for the tea: Phyllis Sugar, Mary Raskin, Rose Greenspan, Draisa Frischman, Evelyn Sugar, Cynthia Gasner.

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The Sisterhood of Holy Blossom Temple recently featured a discussion by Mr. Leonard Bertin entitled The Individual Facing The 1970s.

Recipe for the week

Striped Bass Moroccan Style

1 five to six lb. striped bass
Salt
1/2 cup oil
3 tblsp. crushed cumin seeds
1 tblsp. paprika
1 clove garlic, finely minced
1/2 cup chopped parsley
Freshly ground pepper
1 lemon, thinly sliced and seeded

Preheat oven to 350 deg. Rub the fish generously inside and out with salt and let stand 15 minutes. Rinse the fish thoroughly.

Combine the oil, cumin seeds, paprika, garlic, parsley, salt and pepper to taste.

Lay the fish on a sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil, large enough to enclose the fish. Rub the fish inside and out with the mixture and wrap tightly in the foil. Bake the fish for 1 1/2 hours or until the fish is tender when tested with a fork. Open the foil during the last 15 minutes of baking.

Garnish with lemon slices. Yield: 8 or more servings.

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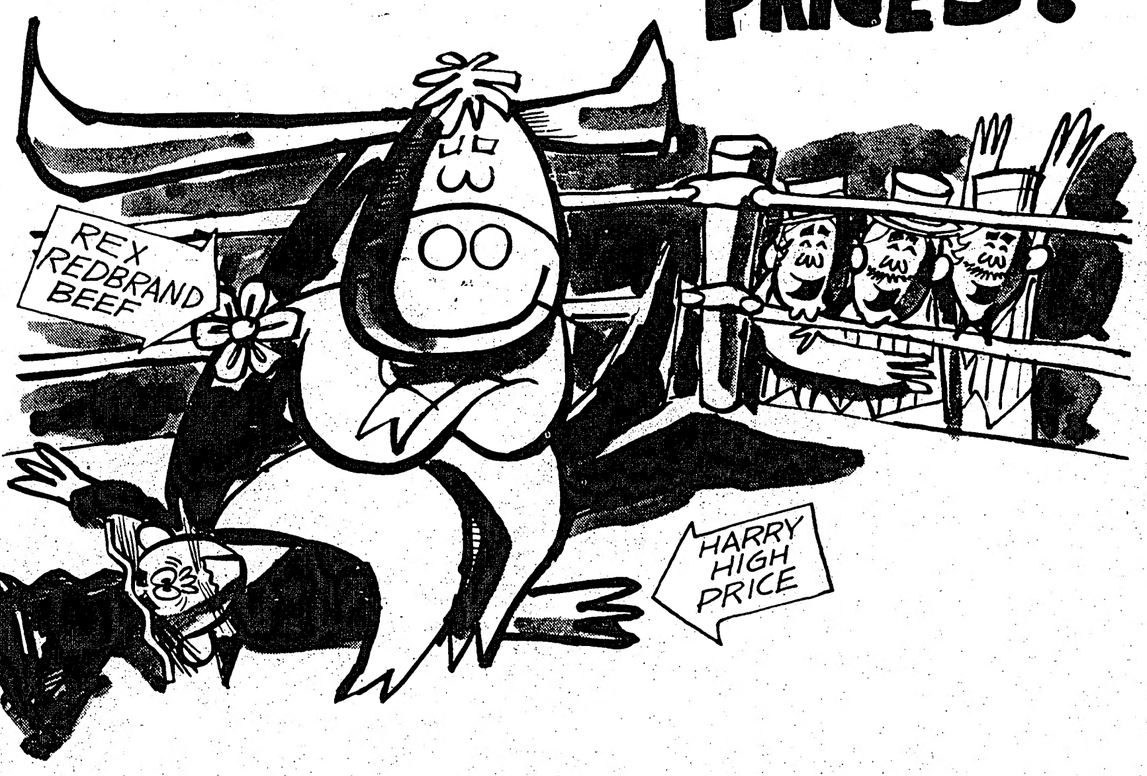

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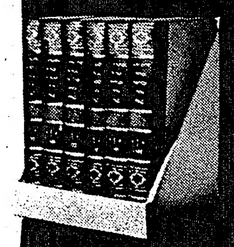

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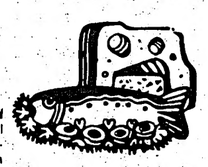

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